

REMARKS

DRAWING OBJECTIONS

Formal Figures 1 – 10 have been submitted for Figures 1 – 10 on file, Figure 1 being designated by the legend ---Prior Art---.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 11 has been amended to remove dependency on claims 6 and 7, thereby avoiding a multiple dependent claim on a multiple dependent claim.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 USC §103

Claim 14 and 15 have been deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The alloy composition of claim 15 has been incorporated into claim 1. The alloy of claim 15 receives antecedent support in the last paragraph of page 9 of the specification. Claim 15 has been withdrawn. Claim 14 dependent on claim 1 or 2 has been amended to recite a more preferred alloy comprised of “0.06 – 0.08 wt% Ca, 1.4 – 1.6 wt% Sn, 0.010 – 0.035 wt% Ag, the balance Pb.” Antecedent support also is provided in the last paragraph of page 9 of the specification.

In that claim 1 is amended to incorporate the alloy of claim 15 deemed allowable, it is believed claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and each of claims 2 – 14 dependent thereon also is in condition for allowance, including claim 11 now corrected for dependency. Such favourable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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